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Case No. 837179

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for Reissue
of U.S. Patent No. 5,981,940

Issued: November 9, 1999

Patentee: Robert Setbacken et al.

U.S. Reissue Patent Application
Serial No.: 10/039,336

Filed: October 29, 2001

For: ANGLE MEASURING SYSTEM
WITH A CLAMPABLE SHAFT

Examiner: unassigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for

consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references have been enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,031,441	Garrett	06/21/77
4,652,748	Siraky et al.	03/24/87
4,660,288	Dangschat	04/28/87
4,759,218	Rodi et al.	07/26/88
5,981,940	Setbacken et al.	11/09/99
6,311,402	Brandl et al.	11/06/01

B. Foreign Patent References

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Issue/Pub.Date</u>
30 38 005	W. Germany	05/06/82
1-84015	Japan	06/05/89
89 15 109.7	W. Germany	04/05/90

C. Pending Renco Encoders Patent Applications

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
09/944,639	Setbacken et al.	08/31/01

II. DISCUSSION

A. West German Reference No. 30 38 005

The pertinence of the '005 reference is discussed at page 1, column 1, lines 29-38 of Applicants' specification.

B. Japanese Reference No. 1-84015

Based solely on the drawings, the '015 reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose an optoelectronic encoder with a driveshaft m (FIG. 5) that is coupled by a clamping element 20 with hub 10 of the encoder. The clamping element is axially displaced in the hub 10 by a screw 30, and the clamping element 20 is axially supported on a collar 12 of the hub 10. The support causes a radially widening of the clamping element 20 and therefore a radial clamping of the shaft m results.

C. West German Reference No. 89 15 109.7

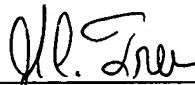
The pertinence of the '109.7 reference is discussed at page 1, Column 2, lines 28-47 of Applicants' specification.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of the above references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. Applicants wish it to be known that the recitation of the above-mentioned references should not be deemed an admission that any of the references qualifies as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review

the entire disclosure of the above-mentioned references and make them of record. Applicants also invite the Examiner to review the cited Renco Encoders patent application and the art cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,


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REFERENCE DESIGNATION
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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I	A1 4,031,441	06/21/77	Garrett	_____	
I	A2 4,652,748	03/24/87	Siraky et al.	_____	
I	A3 4,660,288	04/28/87	Dangschat	_____	
I	A4 4,759,218	07/26/88	Rodi et al.	_____	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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I	A7 30 38 005	05/06/82	W. Germany	_____	NO
I	A8 1-84015	06/05/89	Japan	_____	NO
I	A9 89 15 109.7	04/05/90	W. Germany	_____	NO

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
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